

**Easterling, Deborah**

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**From:** Easterling, Deborah  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 27, 2015 9:49 AM  
**To:** 'Elsie Bjerke'  
**Subject:** RE: SUPPORT UBER!

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Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling  
Administrative Coordinator

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**From:** Elsie Bjerke [<mailto:elsiebjerke@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 19, 2015 12:04 PM  
**To:** PSC\_Contact  
**Cc:** \_RegStaff - Complaints Distribution Group  
**Subject:** SUPPORT UBER!

Support Uber in South Carolina!

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Easterling, Deborah  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 27, 2015 11:41 AM  
**To:** 'Barry Britt'  
**Subject:** RE: uber a taxi see last section

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**From:** Barry Britt [<mailto:yellowvantaxi001@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 23, 2015 3:41 PM  
**To:** Virginia B. Lewis; PSC\_Contact; Hipp, Dawn  
**Subject:** uber a taxi see last section

When Uber rely that neglecting safety was bad for business they decided to adhere to the local laws and regulations.... So we have to get our Officials to not sell out, only for Uber to realize they were operating illegally. What does that say to all that fold, who was working in the transportation industry long before Uber arrived. Stick to What worked for SC

# SC Reps file bill to restore Uber illegal operations



CHARLESTON, SC (South Carolina Professional Drivers Association)

Leon Stavrinakis, an attorney that has made a lot of money from the people within our Community. We the citizens of Charleston nurtured him and watched him grow from a City Councilman to a State Representative to the Senate, soon he will be running for Mayor, yes the Mayor, the man over Charleston SC, our great City.

Recently he introduces a Bill ([Bill H. 3414](#)):

**"Charleston Representatives Leon Stavrinakis have filed a bill to allow ride-hailing company Uber to operate in South Carolina".**

**"[Charleston County citizens] have expressed to me their desire for new, innovative, affordable, and safe transportation options and their full support of Uber,"**

Even Governor Haley agrees with Leon Stavrinakis and used her influence to state her objection:

**"The action taken by the PSC [Thursday] is in direct conflict with the efforts undertaken by thousands of South Carolina public servants who have fought every day to make our state the best place in the country to start and grow a business," Haley wrote. "It is wrong, and, simply put, it is not who we are."**

**"Restricting our citizens' rights to options and economic opportunities is massively detrimental to South Carolina," she said.**

Who said Republicans and Democrats cannot work together, \$20 billion dollars is a miracle worker, is it **Not?**

They Are Both... Ignoring The Rights of the People They are Elected to Represent.

We have:

- The United States Constitution (Fourteenth Amendment in the United States Const.)
  - South Carolina Constitution (Equal Protection Clause)
  - Office of Regulatory Staff (Class C Certificate requirements)
  - Public Service Commission and, (Application Approval Process)
  - Municipalities transportation for hire regulations (Local Municipalities Regulations and Requirements)
- ✚ The USC amendment 14 protects against unequal regulations and laws: both individuals above clearly states that Uber is a technology company that connect the public with transportation for a fee. Simply put Uber drivers transport the public for a fee.
  - ✚ The South Carolina Constitution also has a clause protecting corporations and its citizens against unequal regulations and laws.
  - ✚ The Office of Regulatory Staff requires that all public transportation vehicles for hire file certain applications, provide specific documents and have the specific vehicle that will be used to transport the public be inspected by a State official.
  - ✚ Public Service Commission is responsible for reviewing the application and assuring that the transportation company meets all requirements to proceed as a transportation company.
  - ✚ Municipalities have regulations in accordance with regulations of the State and Agencies above, to further regulate public transportation for hire.

## **These Regulations are in place to Prevent.....**

### **1. Shannae Christy**

"Essentially they charged us \$32 a mile, that's just crazy," said Shannae Christy.

She's not the only one who has received a shockingly high bill for a short Uber ride.

A 12-mile ride home, that normally cost around \$30 to \$40, was now over nine times the average fare.....

Christy said she immediately called Uber and found out that her fare was, in fact, correct. It's due to an Uber policy called the "Surge Charge.".....

There are reports popping up all over the country of people who unknowingly accepted a higher rate and were charged a fare they weren't prepared to pay.

Uber offered to take 25 percent off the \$360.00 bill since she didn't know about the surge charge rule.

### **2. A 26-year-old employee of a finance company in Gurgaon**

An Uber driver accused of raping a woman in the Indian capital, authorities said. New Delhi Police has made an arrest. It was not easy, investigators seized the vehicle, but weren't immediately able to arrest the suspect, who was "running here and there."

Yadav registered as an Uber driver, he used his real name but **an incorrect address**, authorities said.

**"His address and background (were) unverified. He was not having (the mandatory) security badge which is given after police verification."**

Uber said in a statement that it "exclusively partners" with registered drivers who have been through the commercial licensing process and who have government identification and state-issued permits. **(in other words it was not their fault it was the City that allowed the driver do operate without following the State established regulations to protect its Citizens)**

After work Friday, she had dinner at a friend's apartment before ordering an Uber car to take her home. She dozed off in the automobile, she told police. When she woke up, the driver had parked the car on a "deserted stretch," where he assaulted her, citing her complaint.

In its statement, Uber called the alleged assault an "abhorrent crime".....

"Our thoughts remain with the victim who has shown tremendous courage under the circumstances,".....

**3. Tremont St. residence where a young woman was waiting to be picked up by a "ride-sharing" driver.**

A 46-year-old Boston Uber driver was arrested earlier this month for the alleged kidnapping and rape of a Cambridge woman who had requested a ride home from Tremont Street, according to the Middlesex District Attorney's office.

Alejandro Done of Boston was arraigned on rape, assault to rape, kidnapping and two counts of assault and battery in Cambridge District Court Wednesday morning.....

The woman got inside Done's car, told him where she was headed, but was told by Done she **needed to pay in cash.....** Done allowed her to get out of the car to use an ATM.....

When she reentered the car, Done proceeded to drive her to an unknown location she wasn't familiar with. After stopping the car, Done allegedly jumped in the back seat, struck and proceeded to strangle the woman. He allegedly locked the doors, covered the woman's mouth so she couldn't scream, and sexually assaulted her.

Already facing heat in Boston for [separate allegations of sexual assault reported by three women](#) within a couple of hours of each other early Sunday morning, Uber has reportedly been cooperative..... **(once again Ubers states):**

**“This is a despicable crime and our thoughts and prayers are with the victim during her recovery.”**

In each reported Sunday morning incident in Boston, [police say the victims contacted Uber](#), but it appears at least one may have entered an impostor's car.

**(Do Not Wait Until These Words Haunt Our Citizens in South Carolina, okay Charleston)**

**4. To prevent the influence of Money over the public safety.....**

It turns out Uber also has a massive group of private lobbyists it's using to sway regulators.

Then Uber sent its lobbyists to meet with Gov. Terry McAuliffe (D-Va.), and two days later, the state's transportation secretary told the DMV not to mess with Uber.

**5. In New Delhi a month after it was banned following the alleged rape of a passenger by one of its drivers. The mobile car-hailing service has applied for a taxi license**

Uber says it is resuming operations in New Delhi a month after it was banned following the alleged rape of a passenger by one of its drivers. The mobile car-hailing service **has applied for a taxi license** in the city — an unprecedented move as it usually claims to only be a technology company "connecting riders to drivers," rather than a full-blown taxi firm.

UBER'S FINE PRINT STATES IT IS "NOT A TRANSPORTATION CARRIER."

This distinction has been at the heart of numerous protests against Uber, with traditional taxi firms arguing that it allows the San Francisco-based company to avoid costly regulatory hurdles such as vehicle and background checks. The company itself states in a section at the bottom of its websites labeled

"The Fine Print" that it is "not a transportation carrier," and admitted after the alleged rape in New Delhi that it did not perform background checks in India (in the US it carries out seven-year background checks).

It was this **lack of security that led India's home ministry to advise that the country's states ban all web-based taxi firms until they apply for licenses.** To operate as a taxi firm in India, companies must have a fleet of 200 cars, a 24-hour call center, and a panic button for passengers in their vehicles. India's Economic Times reports that Uber's decision to apply for a taxi license in the country is a world first.

"As we resume operations in Delhi, we are only allowing driver-partners who have undergone re-verification of their Police clearance in the last six weeks to get back on the platform," said Uber in a press release on Friday. "For an additional layer of screening, we are implementing independent background checks on all driver partners, plus vehicle documentation reviews." The Wall Street Journal reports that Uber will not be able to operate fully in the city until its application for a license has been approved.

The South Carolina Drivers Association would like to Thank the Office of Regulatory Staff and the Public Safety Commission for standing up and adhering to the safety regulations that the State of South Carolina has in place to protect its Constituents when using any vehicle that transport the public for a hire. Regulatory measures of a Class C certificate as required. Eventually, they will comply, Thanks for not selling out like some.....

Barry Britt, Yellow Van Taxi, LLC (associate) of SCPDA

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**From:** Easterling, Deborah  
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**To:** '8036105711@mms.att.net'  
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**From:** [8036105711@mms.att.net](mailto:8036105711@mms.att.net) [<mailto:8036105711@mms.att.net>]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 16, 2015 11:38 PM  
**To:** PSC\_Contact  
**Subject:**

UBER brings multiple opportunities to the South and can add to our assets. SC is trying to GROW. Don't demoralize us.  
#SCNeedsUber

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**From:** Easterling, Deborah  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 21, 2015 10:04 AM  
**To:** 'Leah Beckham'  
**Subject:** RE: I want Uber!!

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Dear Ms. Beckham,

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**From:** Leah Beckham [<mailto:leah.beckham@nelsonmullins.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 16, 2015 5:27 PM  
**To:** PSC\_Contact  
**Cc:** \_RegStaff - Complaints Distribution Group  
**Subject:** I want Uber!!

Leah  
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**From:** Easterling, Deborah  
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**To:** 'Eric Cox'  
**Subject:** RE: Cease and Desist Order

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**From:** Eric Cox [<mailto:eric@acagcharleston.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 16, 2015 5:12 PM  
**To:** PSC\_Contact  
**Cc:** \_RegStaff - Complaints Distribution Group  
**Subject:** Cease and Desist Order

Uber has set the standard for consumer safety in South Carolina. All uberX rides are insured up to \$1,000,000, which is 20x the \$50,000 required of taxis in the state, and all drivers on the uberX platform must pass background checks at the county, state, and federal level before they are able to drive on the Uber platform. Based on this stringent process it seems denying me as a taxpaying citizen the right to choose my transportation option has been infringed upon. We ask that the Public Service Commission reevaluate the order passed yesterday directing Uber to immediately cease and desist operations.

Respectfully,

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